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1. In November 1948 General CHAO Hsi-kuang was the military commander in the Kashgar (Shufu, 76-00, 39-30) area, with headquarters at Yangi Shahr (Han-ch'ing, 76-05, 39-30). He was in need of gasoline for his trucks and medical supplies since none had been received from China proper. There was open hostility between CHAO and WONG, the Chinese Foreign Ministry functionary at Kashgar, but CHAO was on friendly terms with HUANG of the customs office.
2. Major General LUI Tung-wei, a Hunanese from Kaifeng, was General CHAO's chief adviser. LUI professed interest in the development of South Sinkiang, in its relationship to the Hunza area (74-50, 36-30), and in the latter's connections with Pakistan and Great Britain. LUI stated on several occasions that China owned the Hunza area 80 years ago and that even recently the Mir of Hunza sent tribute to General CHAO. 25X1X6
Comment. LUI seemed to be interested in ascertaining the reaction of Pakistan to possible occupation of the Hunza area by Chinese troops if the Kashmir war should go badly for Pakistan.)
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3. There was a Chinese customs station near the Kashmir-Sinkiang border at Lop Gux. The customs officer, CH'ANG Tso-chiang, was assisted by five civilian policemen (Tadzhik). Comment. These men stole from travelers but were easily impressed and very much afraid of General CHAO Hsi-kuang.)
4. A Chinese military post was located at Mingtaka, six miles below Lop Gux on the Kashmir-Sinkiang border. Lt. LIU Tai-cheng was in charge with a garrison of 20 men.
5. A Chinese customs station was located at Beyik, near the Kashmir-Sinkiang border.
6. There was a Chinese military post at Daidar (75-20, 37-30), garrisoned by about 30 Chinese under a Tadzhik officer.
7. A Chinese border station, staffed by military, customs and police officials, was located at Iasn Qurgan (75-10, 37-50) on the USSR-Sinkiang Province border.

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